



# 2021 Deborah S. Bayle Scholarship Fund for Youth

## Educational Reference Letter of Recommendation

**Scholarship Deadline: Friday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**In 300 words or less, how you experienced this past year, how it has changed your outlook, how it has impacted how plan to move forward?**

Things to consider: How has it impacted you and those around you? Did your goals change? Did you develop new coping mechanisms? New insight into needs of the community or personal needs? If your household's financial situation changed significantly from the 2019 taxes you submitted for FAFSA until now, this is also where you can address that.

**In 300 words or less, describe the most significant challenge you have faced and the steps you have taken to overcome this challenge. How has this change affected your academic achievement?**

Things to consider: A challenge could be personal, or something you have faced in your community or school. Why was the challenge significant to you? This is a good opportunity to talk about any obstacles you have faced and what you've learned from the experience. Did you have support from someone else or did you handle it alone? If you are currently working your way through a challenge, what are you doing now, and does that affect different aspects of your life? For example, ask yourself, "How has my life changed at home, at my school, with my friends or with my family?"

**In 300 words or less, describe how your involvement in the above or other programs has had an impact on you personally.**

Things to consider: Did it change the way you view or think about a topic? Did that affect how you view yourself or your goals?

**In 300 words or less, what have you done to make your school or your community a better place?**

Things to consider: Think of community as a term that can encompass a group, team or a place — like your high school, hometown or home. You can define community as you see fit, just make sure you talk about your role in that community. Was there a problem that you wanted to fix in your community? Why were you inspired to act? What did you learn from your effort? How did your actions benefit others, the wider community or both? Did you work alone or with others to initiate change in your community?

**What skills do you currently use to balance time commitments between work, school, and additional obligations while in high school? How do you plan to continue with those skills in college?**

Take time to consider all time commitments including things you do to take care of yourself, sleep, working out, hobbies, spending time with friends and family.

